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Chinese-Australian collaboration on issues of ageing

An *OlderUber*, robotic suits, and home-based diagnostics for blood pressure and oxygen levels were some of the imaginative solutions Chinese and Australian students came up with when challenged to address common issues in long term care for the growing aged populations in both countries.

Visiting Chinese PhD students joined forces with Australian peers in a workshop run by Dr Lu Bei, a Research Fellow at the ARC Centre of Excellence in Population Ageing Research (CEPAR) during the fifth Go8C9 conference. This annual conference brings together students from the top Chinese (C9*) and Australian (Go8**) tertiary institutions to explore a specific topic.

Two students from each of the C9 and G8 are at UNSW Sydney from 1 – 5 December to present their research, develop networks and learn about, and from, each other. They represent a range of academic disciplines including health, medical and social sciences, information technology and industrial design.

“An interdisciplinary approach can deliver some very innovative ideas about ways to look at issues associated with our ageing populations, and demonstrates how research can assist in developing solutions to address common problems,” says Dr Lu.

Her workshop advised students to develop focussed areas of research to make an impact on public policy, then tasked them in small groups to develop a research proposition, describe their methodologies and identify achievable outcomes with practical applications for long term aged care.

Students responded with a range of presentations on intergenerational care, vision loss, reduced mobility, applications for emerging technologies, and aged care facilities.

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